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***Raised Bill No. 102***

LCO No. 1042



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES CAFES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) As used in this section  
2 and section 2 of this act:

3 (1) "Entry" means the act or process by which a person becomes  
4 eligible to receive any prize offered in a sweepstakes.

5 (2) "Prize" means any gift, award, gratuity, good, service, credit or  
6 anything else of value, which may be transferred to a person, whether  
7 possession of the prize is actually transferred, or placed on an account  
8 or other record as evidence of the intent to transfer the prize.

9 (3) "Simulated gambling device" means a mechanically, electrically  
10 or electronically operated machine, network, system or device that is  
11 intended to be used by an entrant to a sweepstakes and is capable of  
12 displaying a simulated gambling display on a screen or other  
13 mechanism, and may include a device that (A) selects prizes from a  
14 predetermined finite pool of entries, (B) utilizes a mechanism that

15 reveals the content of a predetermined sweepstakes entry, (C)  
16 predetermines the prize results and stores those results for delivery at  
17 the time the sweepstakes entry results are revealed, (D) requires  
18 deposit of any money, coin or token, or the use of any credit card, debit  
19 card, prepaid card, prepaid long distance or cellular telephone service  
20 or telephone calling time, or any other method of payment for  
21 activation, or (E) requires purchase of a related product.

22 (4) "Simulated gambling display" means visual or aural information  
23 capable of being perceived by the sweepstakes entrant that takes the  
24 form of actual or simulated gambling or gaming play, including, but  
25 not limited to, a video poker game or any other kind of video playing  
26 card game, a video bingo game, a video craps game, a video keno  
27 game, a video lotto game, eight liner, pot-of-gold or a video game  
28 based on or involving the random or chance matching of different  
29 pictures, words, numbers or symbols not dependent on the skill or  
30 dexterity of the sweepstakes entrant.

31 (5) "Sweepstakes" means any game, advertising scheme or plan, or  
32 other promotion, that, with or without the payment of any  
33 consideration, a person may enter to win or become eligible to receive  
34 any prize, the determination of which may or may not be based upon  
35 chance.

36 (6) "Tribe" means any federally recognized Indian tribe that is  
37 subject to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC  
38 2701 et seq.

39 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) No person shall operate  
40 or place into operation a simulated gambling device to (1) conduct a  
41 sweepstakes, including the entry or the revealing of a prize, or (2)  
42 promote a sweepstakes that is conducted through the use of a  
43 simulated gambling display, including the entry or the revealing of a  
44 prize.

45 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to

46 prohibit the operation of, participation in, or advertisement of, a state  
47 lottery, pari-mutuel betting at race tracks licensed by the state, off-  
48 track betting conducted by the state or a licensee authorized to operate  
49 the off-track betting system, activity legal under the provisions of  
50 sections 7-169 to 7-186, inclusive, of the general statutes, activity legal  
51 under the provisions of sections 42-295 to 42-300, inclusive, of the  
52 general statutes or a commercial enterprise owned or operated by a  
53 tribe.

54 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
55 section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or  
56 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit a person to operate or place into operation a simulated gaming device to conduct or promote a sweepstakes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*